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SUBJ: NARCOTICS SEIZURE IN BOMBAY

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1. COMMEN OFFICER NOW SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH MR. R. C. DEMBLA, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, PR PITION BRANCH, WHO DIRECTED RAID NETTING, PER PRESS REPORTS, 857 KILOS OF OPIUM. HAVE HAD SOME DIFFICULTY ARRANGING APPOINTMENT DUE
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WEEKEND AND FEQT THAT 31 AUGUST WAS STATE HOLIDAY WITH ALL OFFICES CLOSED. WILL ADVISE WHEN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

2. A COLLATION OF ALL PRESS REPORTS REVEALS FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS: THE POLICE RAIDED AN OPEN PLACE NEAR THE DHOB GHAT INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AT WORLI AFTER A VIGIL AND FOUND LARGE TINS LYING IN AN OPEN PLACE. POLICE RECOVERED 275 CLOTH AND PLASTIC PACKAGES WHICH WERE IN THE LARGE TINS. NO ARRESTS APPARENTLY MADE AS PRESS REPORTED SMUGGLERS ALL AT LARGE.

3. HAVE HAD MEETING WITH M. S. MEHTA, COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS. HE THANKED CONGEN OFFICER FOR BEIRUT 9893 INKT. HE SAID ONE OF CHEDDWE BROTHERS ASSOCIATES CALLED THE BEIRUT NUMBER AND MEHTA CONVINCED, THOUGH HE HAS NO EVIDENCE, THAT CALL CONCERNED NARCOTICS. MEHTA WOULD NOT DIVULGE N-E OF CALLER AND WHEN ASKED IF THE CALL WAS MADE BEFORE OR A*TER CHEDDAH'S LONDON ARREST SAID "THAT'S A SECRET."

4. NEWSPAPER ARTICLE RE ABOVE OPIUM SEIZURE SH9WED HIM. AS IT POLICE RATHER THAN CUSTOMS AFFAIR, HE CALLED IN MAN IN

LIAISON WITH POLICE, WHO REPORTED HE HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFOMRATION YET. MEHTA SAID HE WOULD ADVISE IF HE LEARNED ANY DETAILS. (CUSTOMS IS ABOUT TO PURCHASE SHORE PATROL CRAFT FROM NORWAY AND MEHTA WAS PREPARING TO LEAVE FOR OSLO ON SEPTEMBRRER 2 OR 3 FOR FINAL NEGOTIATIONS AND

INSPECTION OF CRAFT.

5. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS MEHTA SAID HE STILL DID

NOT THINK THEREHRAS LARGE SCALE SMUGGLING OF NARCOTICS OUT OF INDIA, THOUGH HE ADMITTED THERE LARGE INTERNAL MARKET FOR ILLEGAL OPIUM. IMPLYING THAT SEIZED SHIPMENT PROBABPY DESTINED FOR INTERNAL MARKET.
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